

beginning, containing forty-nine thousand one hundred and fifty-three and seventy-nine one-hundredths acres more or less."

61 Stat. 54.  
16 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 244.

Amend section 4 by striking out "lots 2, 3, 4, and 6 of section 33, township 144, range 102," and inserting in lieu thereof "lots 6 and 7, section 33, township 144 north, range 102 west; southeast quarter of southeast quarter, section 32, township 144 north, range 102 west; lots 4 and 5, section 4, township 143, range 102 west; and those parts of lot 1 and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, section 5, township 143 north, range 102 west, that lie north and east of a line running diagonally from the northwest corner of said lot 1 to the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of said section 5,".

61 Stat. 54.  
16 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 246.

Conveyance to other  
agencies.

Strike out all of section 6 and renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

SEC. 2. Administrative jurisdiction over any of such lands that the Secretary of the Interior finds are not required for exchange purposes as herein provided may be conveyed to other Federal agencies by the Secretary of the Interior without exchange of funds, or if such lands are not required by other Federal agencies they may be conveyed to the State of North Dakota without reimbursement to the United States.

Approved June 10, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 438]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

June 10, 1948  
[H. J. Res. 246]  
[Public Law 621]

To authorize the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one-hundredth anniversary of the poultry industry in the United States.

Poultry industry.  
Commemorative  
stamp.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance, during 1948, a special series of 3-cent postage stamps, of such design as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the poultry industry in the United States.

Approved June 10, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 439]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

June 10, 1948  
[H. J. Res. 340]  
[Public Law 622]

To authorize the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Turners Society in the United States.

American Turners.  
Commemorative  
stamp.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance, during 1948, a special series of 3-cent postage stamps, of such design as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Turners, which society sponsored physical education and recreation in America.

Approved June 10, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 447]

#### AN ACT

June 10, 1948  
[S. 1486]  
[Public Law 623]

To provide for payment of salaries covering periods of separation from the Government service in the case of persons improperly removed from such service.

Government em-  
ployees, salaries.  
37 Stat. 555.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 5, sec. 652), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. (a) No person in the classified civil service of the United States shall be removed or suspended without pay therefrom except for such cause as will promote the efficiency of such service and for reasons given in writing. Any person whose removal or suspension without pay is sought shall (1) have notice of the same and of any charges preferred against him; (2) be furnished with a copy of such charges; (3) be allowed a reasonable time for filing a written answer to such charges, with affidavits; and (4) be furnished at the earliest practicable date with a written decision on such answer. No examination of witnesses nor any trial or hearing shall be required except in the discretion of the officer or employee directing the removal or suspension without pay. Copies of the charges, the notice of hearing, the answer, the reasons for removal or suspension without pay, and the order of removal or suspension without pay shall be made a part of the records of the proper department or agency, as shall also the reasons for reduction in grade or compensation; and copies of the same shall be furnished, upon request, to the person affected and to the Civil Service Commission. This subsection shall apply to a person within the purview of section 14 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, only if he so elects.

Removal from classified civil service.

Notice of charges, etc.

Record of charges, etc.

58 Stat. 390.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 863.

Compensation upon reinstatement.

"(b) (1) Any person removed or suspended without pay under subsection (a) who, after filing a written answer to the charges as provided under such subsection or after any further appeal to proper authority after receipt of an adverse decision on the answer, is reinstated or restored to duty on the ground that such removal or suspension was unjustified or unwarranted, shall be paid compensation at the rate received on the date of such removal or suspension, for the period for which he received no compensation with respect to the position from which he was removed or suspended, less any amounts earned by him through other employment during such period, and shall for all purposes except the accumulation of leave be deemed to have rendered service during such period. A decision with respect to any appeal to proper authority under this paragraph shall be made at the earliest practicable date.

"(2) Any person who is discharged, suspended, or furloughed without pay, under section 14 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, who, after answering the reasons advanced for such discharge, suspension, or furlough or after an appeal to the Civil Service Commission, as provided under such section, is reinstated or restored to duty on the ground that such discharge, suspension, or furlough was unjustified or unwarranted, shall be paid compensation at the rate received on the date of such discharge, suspension, or furlough for the period for which he received no compensation with respect to the position from which he was discharged, suspended, or furloughed, less any amounts earned by him through other employment during such period, and shall for all purposes except the accumulation of leave be deemed to have rendered service during such period.

58 Stat. 390.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
§ 863.

"(3) Any person removed or suspended without pay in a reduction in force who, after an appeal to proper authority, is reinstated or restored to duty on the ground that such removal or suspension was unjustified or unwarranted shall be paid compensation at the rate received on the date of such removal or suspension, for the period for which he received no compensation with respect to the position from which he was removed or suspended, less any amounts earned by him through other employment during such period, and shall for all purposes except the accumulation of leave be deemed to have rendered service during such period. A decision with respect to any appeal to proper authority under this paragraph shall be made at the earliest practicable date.

Membership in organizations of postal employees.

"(c) Membership in any society, association, club, or other form of organization of postal employees not affiliated with any outside organization imposing an obligation or duty upon them to engage in any strike, or proposing to assist them in any strike, against the United States, having for its objects, among other things, improvements in the condition of labor of its members, including hours of labor and compensation therefor and leave of absence, by any person or groups of persons in said postal service, or the presenting by any such person or groups of persons of any grievance or grievances to the Congress or any Member thereof shall not constitute or be cause for reduction in rank or compensation or removal of such person or groups of persons from said service.

Right to petition Congress.

"(d) The right of persons employed in the civil service of the United States, either individually or collectively, to petition Congress, or any Member thereof, or to furnish information to either House of Congress, or to any committee or member thereof, shall not be denied or interfered with."

Approved June 10, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 448]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

June 11, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 231]  
[Public Law 624]

To amend section 303 of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes".

Defense housing, amendment.

54 Stat. 1127; 55 Stat. 263.

42 U. S. C. § 1543 (a).  
Emergency housing, Ore. and Wash.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 303 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to expedite the provision of housing in connection with national defense, and for other purposes", approved October 14, 1940 (Public Law 849, Seventy-sixth Congress), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a colon and the following: "*And provided further*, That moneys derived from the rental and operation of such property and funds from the reserve account established by the Administrator pursuant to this section 303, not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000,000, shall be available and may be used by the Administrator for expenses found necessary in the provision of stopgap emergency housing in the Portland, Oregon-Vancouver, Washington, area for persons and families displaced as the result of the destruction of the temporary housing at Vanport in Multnomah County, Oregon, and other persons and families in such area rendered homeless as a result of the present flood, and in providing such stopgap emergency housing the Administrator may act without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes."

41 U. S. C. § 5.

Approved June 11, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 449]

#### AN ACT

June 12, 1948  
[S. 1641]  
[Public Law 626]

To establish the Women's Army Corps in the Regular Army, to authorize the enlistment and appointment of women in the Regular Air Force, Regular Navy and Marine Corps, and in the Reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That this Act may be cited as the "Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948".

#### TITLE I

#### ARMY

Sec. 101. Effective the date of enactment of this title, there is established in the Regular Army a Women's Army Corps, which shall per-